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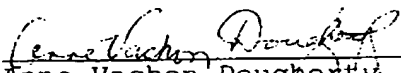
Claims 1-9, 11-14, 16-19, 21-23, 31-36, 38-39, and 44-51 were pending in the application, for which a Decision on Appeal was rendered on April 22, 2005. In the Decision on Appeal, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences sustained the rejections of Claims 1-3, 6-9, 31-32, 38-39, 44-47 and 50, and reversed the rejections of Claims 4-5, 11-14, 16-19, 21-23, 33-36, 48-49 and 51.

In accordance with the Decision on Appeal, and pursuant to the Office Action dated August 1, 2005, Applicants herein cancel the non-allowed claims and amend the language of Claims 4, 11, 16, 33, 48, 49 and 51 so that all remaining claims are either in independent format, including all limitations of claims from which they previously depended, or are in dependent format, now depending directly or indirectly from an allowable base claim. Authorization was previously given to charge Deposit Account 50-0510 for introduction of four (4) new independent claims, and for any other filing fees needed for the filing of this amendment.

Applicants believe that the amendments place all of the remaining claims, Claims 4-5, 11-14, 16-19, 21-23, 33-36, 48-49 and 51 in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments and issuance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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